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Liban, Harbor Data (28 March 1949)

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1. Approach

- a) [redacted] vessel anchored outside the harbor [redacted]
[redacted] 56°31' 54" N
20°56' 06" E where the ~~xxx~~ pilot was awaited.
- b) The pilot was Latvian and very efficient.
- c) A Russian officer and two enlisted men came aboard with the pilot.
The Russian officer had three stars and red edging on his epaulettes.
- d) The vessel entered between the northern and southern breakwaters. Beacons and lights in the channel (course 67 3/4 °) were in place as indicated on chart 1770.
- e) The lights at the entrance between the southern breakwater and the southern mole were not ~~light~~ lit.

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2. Controls

- a) The vessel tied up at the quay near the pilot's tower (~~see~~ C on attached sketch).
- b) The control commission came aboard and went thru the vessel very carefully. Binoculars, cameras, and dutiable goods were sealed.
- c) Landing passes for the crew were ~~not~~ issued ~~before~~ effective from midnight, and as the vessel was to sail ~~already~~ the next morning none of the crew went ashore.

3. Quays

- a) The quay near the pilot's tower (C) is constructed entirely of stone and is in good condition.
- b) The depth alongside is 19 feet.

- e) There are two American motor cranes on rails on the quay, and they appear to have a capacity of 5 tons. While [redacted] vessel was being unloaded, A ~~Russian~~ ^{Russian} floating crane came alongside. This probably had a capacity of 10 to 15 tons.
- d) This quay also has ~~six tracks~~ a double track spur.

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4. Bunkers

- a) There is a bunkering station in the winter harbor (A on the attached sketch).
- b) An old Russian steamship of ca. 1500 tons was tied up at this quay.

5. Vessels in the harbor

- a) A Russian, formerly German, vessel of ca. 2500 tons was unloading pyrite^s (at D) by means of pipes and special unloading devices. The vessel was painted white and had a white stack with narrow red stripes.

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- [redacted]
- b) Another Russian vessel lay at E on the sketch. This vessel had a rigging which is typical of vessels built in Fr. stad (sic - probably Fredrikstad, Norway).

6. a) 8 old Russian motorships ^{boats} lay at F.

b) Length ⁶⁰ ~~51~~ feet

c) Armed only with AA guns

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7. Power station.

A power station (see sketch) on the east side of the harbor was in operation.

8. Wreck.

The ~~boat~~ ^{boat} of a 10,000 ton vessel was observed above the water in the position ca. 56°33' 36" N and 20°55' 48" E.

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9. Departure

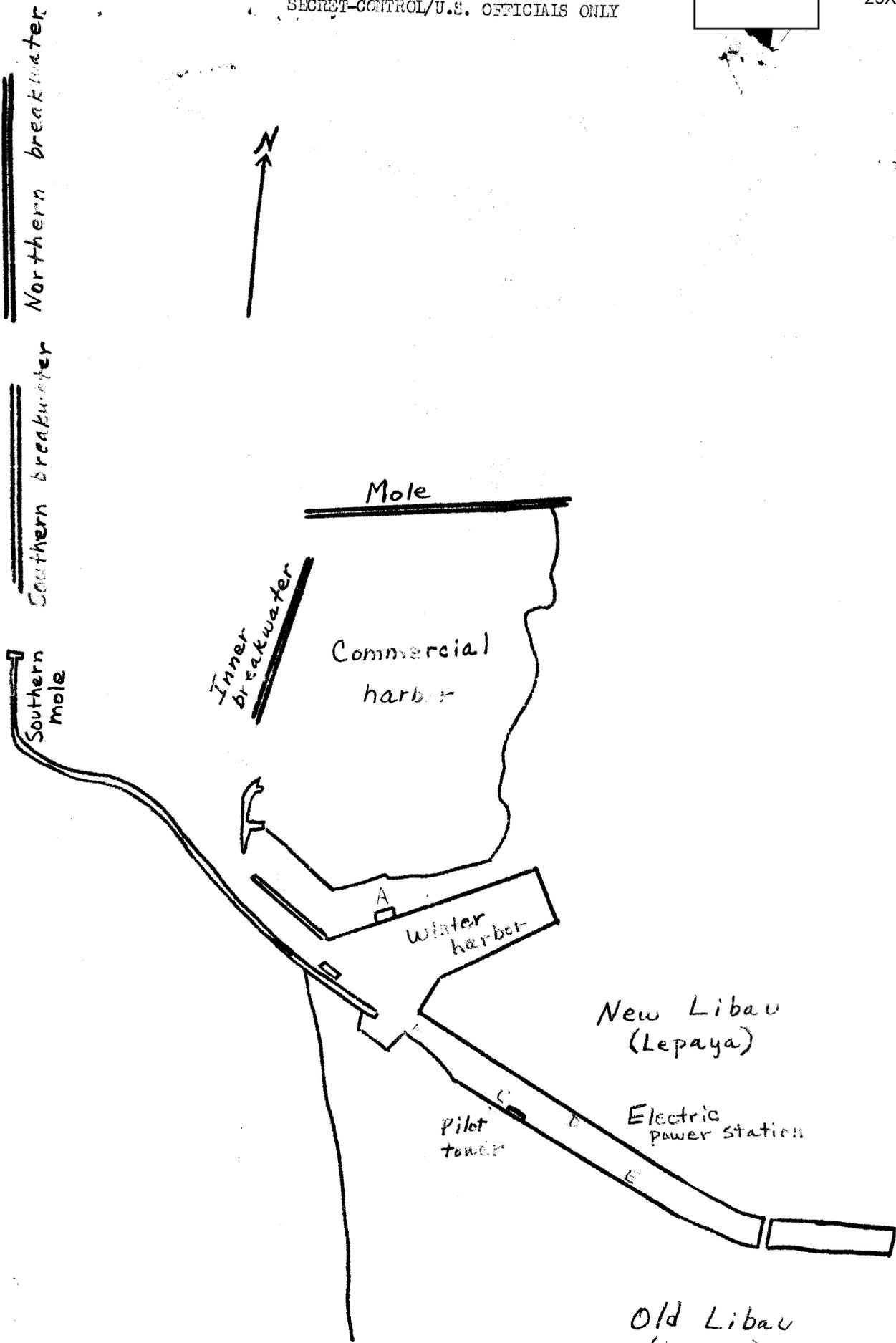
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When vessel left Libau one of the two motorboats mentioned in para. 6 accompanied it for about 2 nautical miles.

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